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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 14918

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, ETRD
SUBJECT: VISIT OF DOE OFFICIAL TO TOKYO: G. HELFRICH

DOE FOR HELFRICH

REF: STATE 203292

1. CRUX OF URANIUM SUPPLY SITUATION APPEARS TO CENTER ON
WHETHER OR NOT TO STOCKPILE URANIUM AND, IF SO, IF IT
SHOULD BE HANDLED BY GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE UTILITIES.

2. ACCORDING TO THE NIKKAN KOGYO SHIMBUN (JULY 12),
MITI HAS A STUDY UNDERWAY TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF
STOCKPILING URANIUM ORE. ARTICLE STATES THAT JAPAN'S
NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM IS:

15 REACTORS WITH TOTAL CAPACITY OF 8.78 MILLION KW IN
OPERATION;

10 REACTORS WITH 9 MILLION KW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND

4 REACTORS WITH 4.2 MILLION KW IN PLANNING STAGE.

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TO MEET FUEL REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE REACTORS, ARTICLE CON-
TINUES, THE IMPORTATION OF 145,000 SHORT TONS OF URANIUM
ORE HAS BEEN CONTRACTED FOR WHICH SEEMS TO BE SUFFICIENT
UNTIL 1990, BUT THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS MADE FOR POST-
1990 TIME FRAME. ARTICLE ARGUES THAT PROBLEMS OF SITE
LOCATION AND STOCK-PILING COSTS SHOULD BE RESOLVED ASAP

AND GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO UTILITIES THAT STOCK-PILE.

(KISAKI) GAVE DOE REP FOLLOWING JAPANESE URANIUM ORE CONTRACT COMMITMENTS:

YEAR	QUANTITY
1980	110,000 (SHORT TONS)
1985	150,000 "
1990	170,000 "

AFTER 198L, KISAKI NOTED THAT REQUIREMENTS MAY EXCEED ALREADY CONTRACTED FOR AMOUNTS, BUT WAS NOT ABLE TO GIVE ESTIMATE. MANSFIELD

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